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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4238

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY MANILA

DEA HQS WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 4003

MANILA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB

BANGKOK FOR DEA/BRO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, LA

SUBJ: DEA PRESENCE IN LAOS

REF: A) BANGKOK 10035; B) VIENTIANE 3878

1. I APPRECIATE BUT CANNOT CONCUR IN THE VIEWS EXPRESSED
BY DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR BANGKOK IN REF A.

2. I HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO EFFECT A DRASTIC REDUCTION
IN THE SIZE OF THIS MISSION, AND IT IS ALREADY CLEAR
THAT THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO SPACE IN THE RESIDUAL
COMPLEMENT FOR EVEN A SINGLE DEA POSITION. (THE OBSER-
VATIONS IN PARA 4 OF REF B ABOUT THE LIKELY UNDEREMPLOY-
MENT OF A DEA AGENT, EVEN IF ONE COULD BE ACCOMMODATED
HERE, CONTINUE TO APPLY.)

3. FURTHERMORE, DEA/BRO MUST ALLOW THIS MISSION TO BE
THE JUDGE OF THE LAO POLITICAL CLIMATE. OUR ASSESSMENT
OF THAT CLIMATE CANNOT BE DISMISSED AS "PRIMARILY
SPECULATIVE" (REF A, PARA 5). WE HAVE OVER PAST MONTH
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EXPERIENCED SERIOUS ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS AND

HARRASSMENT; USAID HAS BEEN THE PRINCIPAL TARGET, AND IT IS ONLY FORTUITOUS THAT DEA HAS NOT (YET) COME TO ATTENTION IF PGNU AND GROUPS WHICH LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT MANIPULATES. AS IT IS, LAST DEA EMPLOYEE HAS LEFT, AS HAVE THE LAO OFFICIALS MOST CLEARLY ASSOCIATED WITH ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS.

4. AS FURTHER INDICATION OF PRESENT CLIMATE HERE, LAO PRESSE DAILY BULLETIN (OFFICIAL ORGAN OF PGNU MINISTRY OF INFORMATION) ON JUNE 2 CARRIED AN ARTICLE STATING THAT PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL, VETERINARY, AND WATER/FOREST SERVICES EM"(22:*\$T1(EAQH?;EYY#40IQZ JEAQ6T!UG*_P!'@FT!)R &5Q W<#W W-TRH*6J(T(#=W;0+!#("F*3H-QD)Q*Z1.C\$0F-<#T #=4@,N00AT +8TRBWA2.66686E-78QX7UQB;FKF*@!BQ.;V744Z1W,W"CQ:YUJ\$,BM"J36XC7_UTUDUJ,A/VK/MM4\$G7B5*/Q@1QQKA,"T1FKL\$D/PTACH(#!R@M5F \$,/ &LK

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